

determining a power determining signal from a position of an operating element;

filtering the power determining signal with a filter, the filter including at least one high-pass filter and at least one low-pass filter connected in parallel; and

controlling the actuator element as a function of the filtered power determining signal;

wherein the at least one high-pass filter includes first and second high-pass filters connected in parallel.

11. (Amended) A device for controlling a drive unit of a vehicle having an actuator element for influencing power provided to the drive unit, comprising:

a quantity input determining unit for determining a power-determining signal from a position of an operating element of the drive unit of the vehicle; and

a filter unit coupled to the quantity input determining unit, the filter unit including at least one high-pass filter and one low-pass filter connected in parallel, the filter unit filtering the power-determining signal output from the quantity input determining unit,

wherein the actuator element of the drive unit of the vehicle is controlled as a function of the filtered power-determining signal.

Please add the following new claims:

--13. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the operating element of the drive unit of the vehicle includes at least one of an acceleration pedal of the vehicle and a rotary potentiometer.

14. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the actuator element of the drive unit of the vehicle includes at least one of a fuel metering device and a solenoid valve.

15. (New) The device according to claim 11, wherein the operating element of the drive unit of the vehicle includes at least one of an acceleration pedal of the vehicle and a rotary potentiometer.